

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Governor's Office
EXECUTIVE ORDER

Subject: Extension of Filing Deadline for Nomination Petitions		Number: 2008-1
Date: February 12, 2008	By Direction of: <i>Edward G. Rendell</i> Edward G. Rendell, Governor	

- WHEREAS, on February 12, 2008, a sudden and severe winter storm struck Pennsylvania with large amounts of snow accumulation and icing conditions; and
- WHEREAS, this winter storm is expected to continue through February 13, 2008; and
- WHEREAS, under the provisions of *Section 913(d)* of the *Pennsylvania Election Code* (*25 P.S. Section 2873(d)*), February 12, 2008, is the filing deadline for various nomination petitions for candidates for election to public and political party offices; and
- WHEREAS, the conditions caused by the storm make it necessary to extend the filing deadline for all nomination petitions by 43 hours in order to give all candidates a fair and reasonable opportunity to file their petitions with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward G. Rendell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the *Emergency Management Services Code*, *35 Pa.C.S. Section 7101 et seq., as amended*, and other laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby issue this Executive Order as follows:

1. The deadline for filing all nomination petitions for candidates for election to public and party offices with the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth is extended until 12:00 p.m. on February 14, 2008. However, the time for circulating nomination petitions shall not be extended beyond 5:00 p.m. on February 12, 2008.
2. The Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall post this Executive Order in the Department of State's Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation and in all other appropriate places and shall take all necessary action to provide notice of this Executive Order to the general public.
3. This Executive Order shall go into effect immediately and shall remain in effect until 12:00 p.m. on February 14, 2008.